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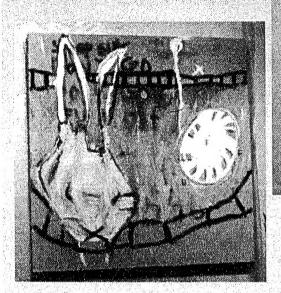
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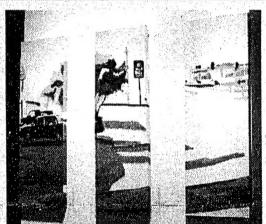
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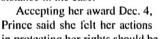


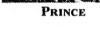
Grad, Attorney Honored for Pursuing Harassment Charge

By Kara Schweiss

A 1995 sexual harrassment case pursued by a former UNO student resulted in commendations for both the student and her attorney by the College of Social Work.

UNO Social Work graduate Sabrina Prince received the college's first annual Gandhi Award For Courage and Social Action, and attorney Susan Koenig-Cramer was awarded a School of Social Work Professional Service Award for her assistance in the case.





in protecting her rights should be "commonplace."

"To me, it was someone violated me and my rights and it had to have some consequences," she said. "I wish we did not have to celebrate someone taking an action like this."

Koenig-Cramer, who took the case *pro bono*, said that she viewed Prince as inspirational.

"Sabrina created the possibility that others will come forward," she said.

Senate Mixes Old With New

By Brian J. Todd

Although 16 new senators have joined the UNO Student Government's nine returning senators, the faces at the top of the Student Senate hierarchy are veterans of the body.

New senate officers include Brandon Steenson, speaker of the Student Senate and Danielle Jensen, the senate's new chief administrative officer (CAO). Jensen, who served as speaker last year, said she would miss being a voting member of the senate, but is glad she would still be able to debate the issues at senate meetings.

Last year as speaker, she said, she was responsible for leading the senate and helping coordinate its activities, but this year will spend more time working with student agencies. "The CAO deals more with the agencies," Jensen said, "I will help make sure the agencies are spending their money wisely."

Steenson, who is in his second senate term, said his three goals are to get students more involved on campus, help improve communication between student groups and agencies, and get Student Government and the athletic department to work together to better support athletics on campus.

"My first and foremost goal is to work on the student apathy problem," he said.

The best way to help support athletics, Steenson said, is to promote it in the community. If the community becomes more involved in UNO athletics, then students are more likely to come to games and get involved as well.

Speaking about KLBZ Radio, the student campus radio station that went off the air two years ago, Steenson said he would not mind if it was to make a return. "It's a great idea, but I don't know if it's under our jurisdiction," he said.

Education Key in AIDS Awareness, Prevention

By Kara Schweiss

A public show of support for people living with HIV commemorated World AIDS Day on Dec. 1, an annual event since 1988. Activities in Omaha were at the First United Methodist Church, near 70th and Cass Streets.

"They know that they're not alone, that this is one time during the year people can get together and say 'we're interested also," UNO Campus Pastor Rev. Phil Owen said at a local World AIDS Day event he chaired. "People living with HIV can express some of their anger, some of their fear, or hope, or whatever, and have that heard collectively. And some of the people giving them support can say 'we're here to support you."

"HIV/AIDS is not a 'me' disease, it is a 'we' disease," said Terrence Scott, state coordinator for the American Red Cross of Nebraska AIDS network. "Each of us has to take our piece of the pie and learn as much as we can about the virus, learn the facts and be able to separate the appropriate factual information from any misinformation that may be out there and provide this information in a non-judgmental, culturally sensitive manner."

"My fear is that if you are not infected, you don't feel that you are affected," Owen said. "I think people just ignore it. My feeling is that people either know quite a bit or they know nothing. It doesn't average out."

Scott said education is key to addressing the issue of HIV/AIDS.

"Of course we talk about prevention, intervention, and treatment. Those three components must be interactive," he said.

Sheri Wendel, Community Health Educator with the Douglas County Health Department, said prevention should begin with youth.

"The new HIV cases in their early 20s and mid-20s were probably infected in high school years or early 20s. We know the education's out there, but they're not doing anything, so we started looking into peer education."

The Douglas County Health Department received a grant for a program called Responding & Educating Adolescents Concerning Healthy Options Using Theater (REACH OUT). College students dramatize composite stories based on actual cases in Nebraska of individuals with sexually transmitted diseases or HIV/AIDS. Wendel, who is coordinator of the program, said research has shown peer education to be more effective than the traditional lecture format.

"Peers adapt healthy behaviors when peers model it," she said.

REACH OUT presentations are primarily designed for junior high and high school students, but can accommodate audiences of college age as well. Wendel said people of this age group tend to not "pay as much attention to it as they should."

"We're seeing college students come in to get tested (for HIV), so we know some of them are worried about getting it, but are they changing their behavior?" she said.

Owen and Scott expressed similar concerns about college-age individuals.

"You have to know how it's transmitted and you have to assume you're going to be exposed and that any time you engage in any of that, then take the proper precautions. I'm not sure that's really getting through all the way," Owen said. "We live in a wonderful state of denial."

"If we're talking about behavior change, that only occurs if people are given tools they need



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to do that effectively," Scott said.

Wearing a red ribbon is a universally recognized way to show support for people living with HIV/AIDS.

"It signifies the remembrance of the people who have died and given their lives to AIDS," Scott said. He said people should educate themselves on the facts of HIV/AIDS, and consider becoming an advocate within the community through an appropriate organization if they want to become more actively involved.

Owen said support should not be limited to World AIDS Day.

"I've been to too many funerals," Owen said.



Cochlea Implants: Ears Alive With Sound of Technology

By G-KNEE PITTACK

Hearing aids help many, but for some, hearing aids aren't

Many people benefit from hearing aids. But what about those who are unable to understand speech even with the help of a hearing aid?

"A cochlea implant does more than a hearing aid," said Debbie Veazey, coordinator of the Cochlea Implant Center at the Boys Town Research Hospital in Omaha. "Previously only hearing aids, which merely amplify sound and tactile aids, which provide a feeling sensation, were used by the hearing impaired. A cochlea implant is a small electronic device that is surgically implanted permanently under the skin behind one car. An external speech processor, which weighs a little over four ounces and can be worn on a belt, translates incoming sound into electrical signals. A cable routes to a small circular headpiece less than an inch in diameter that is attached to the implant behind the ear by a magnet."

The device, which may appear to the casual observer as a sort of Walkman attached behind one ear, is very different from a conventional hearing aid, according to Veazey. "The implant goes beyond damaged parts of the inner ear and stimulates auditory nerve fibers in the cochlea, a snail-shaped part of the inner ear," she said. "In the process of hearing, sound waves pass through the ear canal and vibrate the eardrum. This vibration carries to three tiny bones in the middle ear and finally to fluid in the cochlea that is covered with thousands of tiny hair cells. "These hair cells signal the auditory nerve that the brain interprets as sound. When hair cells in the cochlea are damaged or less in number an implant is useful, said Veazey.

The device is used by both adults and children. "Our youngest patient so far is 19 months and our oldest is 82 years," said Veazey. "Three to 5 years is the average age, while 2 years is generally the youngest age to undergo the surgery. Recently, we made an exception with the 19-month-old child. The child had meningitis. Bone was forming in the cochlea. In such special cases, we may suggest implanting the device at an earlier age,"

The surgery is a low-risk procedure done under general anesthetic. "It takes three to four hours and there is less risk than in a routine tonsillectomy," Veazey said. "A 23-hour (outpatient) hospital stay follows. The procedure costs \$30-\$40,000 including hospitalization and counseling sessions. It is covered by most insurance companies and by Medicare and Medicaid."

Veazey said although the implant does not restore normal hearing it does provide more auditory information than was previously available. "Performance varies with each patient. Children need to be trained to understand what they are hearing. There is a special amount of excitement concerning children. They have an exceptional capacity for learning. Adults who are eligible for the implant must have lost their hearing after learning to speak. For some adults," said Veazey, "the sounds heard with the implant are similar to those heard before the hearing loss. For some adults the sounds are quite different."

Veazey said the cochlea implant has existed since the mid-70s. Two types are currently used, the Clarion and the Nucleus-Spectra. The Nucleus is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for severe and profoundly hearing-impaired adults and profoundly deaf children. The Clarion is currently under clinical investigation in the United States, Veazey said.

The implants improve with new technology. "The implant began with only a single channel frequency, but now contains multi-channel frequencies," she said. "The Clarion holds three different speech strategy programs in the one speech processor. The processor is programmed to meet the specific needs of the patient. New technological improvements are added to the external processor in the same way software can be added or exchanged with a computer."

Care is taken to help patients and their families before and after the surgery. "We spend time before the procedure discussing the positive and negative aspects of the surgery and answer any questions," she said. "We also have follow-up sessions afterward to further support the patient's needs."

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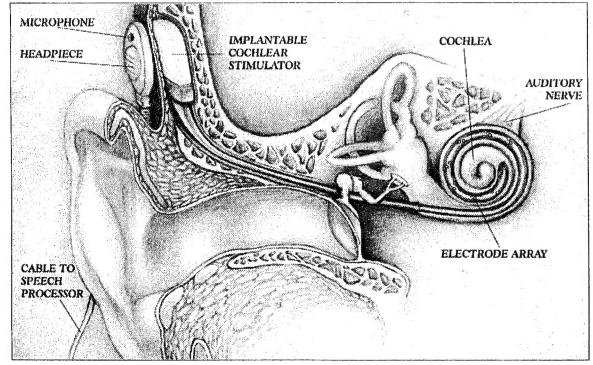




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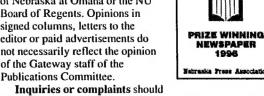
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PMS: Fact or Fiction?

By Savonda N. Johnson

For generations, women (and some unknowing men) have complained, joked, and discussed the effects of Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS).

Contrary to popular belief, PMS affects only 10 percent of women today. The rest of the population of women who believe they have PMS are mistaken by their symptoms because their symptoms are similar to those women who are suffering from PMS.

Cindy Berkland, a women's health registered nurse practitioner, discussed the effects of PMS in a Wednesday afternoon telephone interview. "PMS is only present in a small portion of the female population. Those females that are truly affected by PMS find it very difficult to function in their everyday life because of their symptoms.

"Some of the major symptoms of PMS are anxiety, water retention, swelling, breast tenderness, insomnia, backache, sweet cravings, and headaches," Berkland said.

These are also some of the symptoms that the general population of women are suffering from. Having one of the symptoms does not mean that a women has PMS.

PMS can start from the onset of a women's first menstrual cycle. "When most women begin to ovualate in their pre-teens, it affects a woman slightly after menopause but as her age increases, the symptoms start to fade," Berkland said.

Studies on PMS have been ongoing, but none have been conclusive as to what really causes PMS. "Scrotonin has been linked to the cause of PMS, but there has been no conclusive evidence." Berkland said.

She offered some suggestions on ways for women to reduce the effects of PMS. "If a woman reduces the amount of caffeine that she drinks, takes a multi-vitamin, eats complex carbohydrates, reduces the amount of alcohol that she drinks," Berkland said. "If a woman exercises and relaxes this will also help relieve or prevent some of the symptoms."

She also suggested that a woman track her own symptoms. "The best thing a woman should do is monitor symptoms the days preceding her period."

Genital Herpes Transmitted With or Without Sex

By Savonda N. Johnson

Those who participate in risky sexual behavior may encounter a sexually transmitted disease (STD) such as genital or oral herpes. Herpes, which the Greeks defined as "creeping," has been around since man and nature have taken their course.

Crystal Jones* contracted genital herpes three years ago, after having sex with her fiancé. "I thought because we were engaged I didn't have to worry about protection. But unannounced to me, my fiancé had cheated on me twice and I contracted herpes from him."

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), herpes can be transmitted with or without sexual intercourse. It can be transmitted by kissing, oral sex, and intercourse.

"I first thought I was sick with some kind of stomach virus. But I had this very sore and painful feeling in my genital area, so I went to Planned Parenthood and I tested positive for genital herpes," Jones said. Other symptoms of genital or oral herpes, according to the CDC, are; fluid-filled lesions, cuts, flu symptoms, swollen lymph nodes, genital discharge and painful urination. "I felt a soreness in my gland, and in the creases of my leg," Jones said.

The symptoms of genital or oral herpes are not always visible. Infection can be present even without symptoms. It can be months to years before a person has any symptoms present. The herpes virus tends to have a 1- to 26-day incubation period.

The CDC does not accept blood tests as a reliable indicator of herpes because the results can give a false positive or false negative. Instead, the CDC and other medical faculties accept a viral tissue culture. They retrieve the sample by rubbing a cotton swab over the infected area.

There are no vaccines for the herpes virus. Judith Jackson, assistant nursing manager at Ehrling Berquist, Offutt Air Force Base Hospital said in a Wednesday evening interview, "One of the most common drugs used for controlling herpes is Zorivax. It's a prescription-based topical ointment."

Herpes can lead to more serious diseases such as shingles. "Shingles tends to develop in older people who were exposed to herpes at an early age. It affects exposed neurons, and sensors."

Even though Jones has been affected by herpes, she has enjoyed a completely normal life. She married a different man who is faithful, and had her first child. Jones was able to vaginally deliver her child because she had not experienced an outbreak. She said she has had no outbreaks of herpes since her diagnosis. "My husband and I don't use protection. If we have even and inkling that I have an outbreak, we abstain from sex."





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Opinions & Editorials

Clinton's Report Card for '96

1996 is coming to a close, and so is another storied year in the history of our country. We have seen triumph and turmoil, success and failure. Never before, though, have we seen such an irreverent disregard for the office of the Commander-in-Chief (or should I say Spender-in-Chief?) How successful has the President been?

I would like to propose an amendment to the Constitution. Now, I'm usually a stickler for the basis of our government, but am willing to make an exception. How about a presiden-

tial report card? How would Clinton fare?



Clinton's report card, if one was issued, would read something like this:

Foreign Affairs

— F (Bosnia, Haitian refugees, need I say more?)

Economy — C (success can be attributed to a Republicancontrolled Congress)

Social Issues, i.e. abortion, same-sex marriages— F (the slightest consideration of partial-birth abortions is sick, and same-sex marriages should be banned altogether).

Comments from the Teacher: Billy is a very persuasive speaker, and has made lots of new friends by promising them longer naps and more milk and cookies for snack time. The school staff has noticed that Billy tends to stretch the truth, including strange difficulty trying to recall simple facts. All the girls love him, though, and he usually has a new playmate each week. We're sure this is all just a phase, and will probably rub off as he matures.

There has been a breakdown in the Clinton political infrastructure. Like rats (how appropriate a term) on a sinking ship, his closest confidantes and Cabinet members are leaving on the next personal chartered flight (paid for by, you, the taxpayer) out of Washington. Mother Hubbard has gone to her cupboard (Cabinet) to fetch poor Clinton a staff, but has found it to be bare.

Everyone knows what is going down. Convictions.

This tangled web weaved by Clinton and his wife contains people that do not want to take the heat for any wrongdoing. Can you blame them?

We all watched with infatuation at the numerous schoolyard fights in our earlier years, until the teacher came to break it up. We scattered like fireflies on a hot summer night, hoping we wouldn't miss a recess for witnessing the bout.

In this case, the "teacher" is Kenneth Starr. The independent counsel on Whitewater has made some comments concerning the improprieties involved in Whitewater and Travelgate that has left some jaws dropping among followers of the liberal agenda.

The word is out that James Carville, a key political adviser in Clinton's 1992 election, plans to launch a campaign to attack Starr. The slant, of course, will be another "evil" Republican attack on the poor president, who is trying to work with both houses for the good of the country. This is the most corrupt act to date for the Clinton White House (and there have been plenty).

Starr has obviously found some incriminating information. What other reason could be found for serpent-head...er, James Carville, to launch this negative attack? Why can't the truth be brought to the forefront to let the American people decide who is being wronged? An attack on Starr further shows evidence of wrongdoing, and now a cover-up is brewing.

The funny thing about this whole situation is Clinton's response. He had no comment when asked about Carville's scheme, and said "no" when asked if he planned on talking to him about it.

Clinton should put his foot down, instead of conveniently placing it in his mouth.

Everyone has skeletons in his closet. Clinton's closet looks like a graveyard, abundantly full of bones, one that has been locked tighter than Fort Knox. Where is the key? Does James McDougal have a set?

Maybe Kenneth Starr has found one.

The only problem is James Carville is trying to change the lock.

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End-of-the-Semester Phenomenon Continues

MICHELLE

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Columnist

The end of the semester is drawing closer and students are witnessing strange events on campus.

Students who have not attended class since the first of the school year are suddenly reappearing. As a result, parking has become an impossible feat. Students who regularly attend classes are trying to cram sixteen weeks of classes into four weeks. Students are borrowing notes, forming study

groups, or developing a class schedule for the spring semester.

Even instructors are feeling the students' anticipation. Students are learning the difference between attending class and participating in the classroom activities. Believe it or not, instructors keep track of participation. They are bombarding instructors with papers, final projects, and

questions about grades. The most commonly asked question is, "In order to pass the class, what do I need to do?"

Does that question sound familiar?

Students and instructors are counting the final weeks in the semester. After Thanksgiving, we only have two weeks of classes before finals. For December graduates, the wait seems endless.

I am finally graduating in December. I opted for the fiveyear plan. Do not laugh, because outside elements are delaying graduation for many college students. I am a prime example.

Family and friends doubted whether I would continue my education after getting married. One cousin said, "You should have waited to marry until you graduated, because you have so many new responsibilities and you will never consider college a top priority." Married life has changed my life, but I did not let it interfere with my education.

It does not matter how long it takes to obtain your degree. What matters is your handwork and dedication will benefit you in the long run.

Graduates are gearing up for the day that will close the door to their college years and open them to the real world. No, not MTV's series, but life after graduation. Graduates will face new challenges and responsibilities. (Like insur-

ance, student loans and finding employ-

nent.)

Graduating seniors are making some of the most important decisions in their lives. Questions run in and our of their heads. Should I attend graduate school or find employment? Whatever the decision, one should prepare themselves for the changes.

Seeking employment is a grueling process. I am not an expert, but I am experiencing the same things. First, you need to update your resume. Second, you must apply for jobs and set up interviews.

Interviews are the hardest part of finding a new job. You never know what to expect. Potential employers ask different questions or have additional tests. Generally, these tests weed out those who are not qualified.

Day after day you prepare yourself for rejection. Resumes and messages never receive a response — unless it's "thanks for applying, but we have selected another candidate."

Graduates need to realize that they need to make sacrifices. The sacrifices may include pay, work schedule, or benefits. Realize that your goal is to establish your career.

The end of the semester is near, and you will have plenty of time to prepare for the real world. Just do not let finding a job or applying for graduate school affect your final weeks of classes.

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You could be next...

King of Auto-Destructo-Land

JOHNATHAN

PELPHREY

Columnist

For a brief period of my life, I was the king of car mishaps. I could find no one who could equal me in the proficiency and

efficiency with which I accidentally (and coincidentally) destroyed the vehicles I owned. I like to think I have relinquished that title.

Recently I encountered someone who gives me hope that the crowned may have been passed to another.

Now before I go any further, I must issue my usual disclaimer: I am not a bad driver (though a few relatives insist on believing otherwise). I have never, save

for a few fender-benders, actively been the cause of damage to any automobile. The automobiles I drive just seem to find a way to auto-destruct. It's as if they are obeying some higher power, and I am the king of car mishaps by divine right.

That said, I am pleased to say (with some apprehension, lest I call down the wrath of the car gods) that the evidence may be beginning to mount in favor of a new monarch in auto-destructo-land.

First of all, I have gone almost 6 months without wrecking my car. That in itself should make people who know me wonder if something is wrong. I mean, this is the longest I've driven a car since The Fire.

The Fire was about 18 months ago.

I had been staying in Massachusetts for about a month. When I decided to return to the Midwest, a friend I had made while I was out there decided he wanted to come back with me and eventually make his way to Oklahoma (where his parents lived).

He is my witness.

We were taking the scenic route home. At the time I was driving the nicest car I've ever owned — a 1989 LeBaron. We had driven up to Maine and were making our way through the Adirondack mountains of upstate New York. It's really quite beautiful up there, and I pulled off the side of the road to take a picture. As I did so, I noticed an annoying odor.

"It's such a shame that you have to smell gasoline in a place like this," I said to my friend.

We agreed that whoever was responsible for fouling the air in that pristine place should have a good talking-to. Little did I know. . .

Within a minute of starting back up the road, we noticed smoke coming out the vents. I slowed down and noticed smoke coming out from under the hood. I pulled over and, just as I was wondering about opening the hood, noticed flames coming out between the hood and the windshield.

My friend and I wasted no time (we freaked-out) and quickly began to unload the car. A passer-by offered to call 911 for us. The volunteer fire department took a while in coming, but they got there in time to save my trunk.

It's amazing how fast a car can burn. Once it gets through

the fire wall, the passenger section goes up in flames in about 30 seconds.

Anyway, this event marked my ascension to the throne of auto-destructo-land. There were, of course, previous events which had made me a candidate for royalty. But The Fire was what pushed me over the edge.

In the 4 months following The Fire, I went through two more cars. Both of them went

to the graves in unusual ways. One of them, a Mazda, was destroyed by a cement parking block in the middle of the Interstate. I'll let your imaginations roam wild on that one.

Now we come to today. Today I gave someone a ride. This someone needed a ride because. . . the entire wheel fell off of her car while she was driving it!

Perhaps there is hope for me. Of course, this is bad news for all of you. Since I am no longer the sole possessor of the crown, that means it is up for grabs. Perhaps the car gods

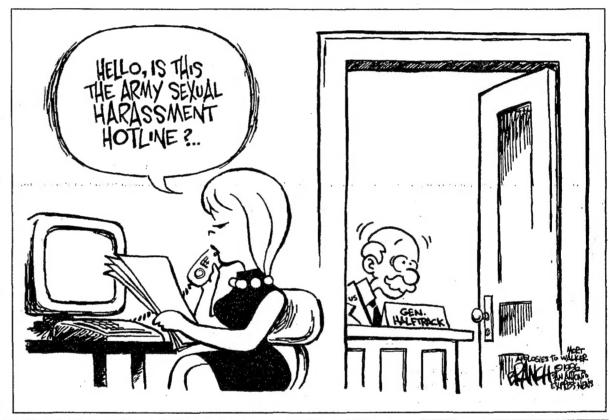
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On the road to nationals

Volleyball Team to Face New Haven in First Round

By Jonathan Pelphrey

The top-ranked Lady Mavs (32-2) will win a national title in volleyball this weekend if they can win three straight matches.

A national champion will be crowned when the eight teams still in contention for the Division II Women's Volleyball Championship clash in a tournament beginning Saturday. The tournament is being held at the Central Missouri State University Multipurpose Building in Warrensburg, Mo.

UNO will play Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the quarterfinals. The Lady Mavs have drawn New Haven (Conn.) as their opponent.

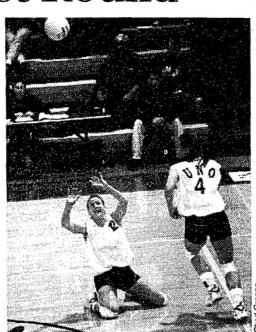
New Haven, at 44-1, has the best record of any Elite Eight team. Their only loss of the season came against the defending national champion. The Chargers also have the best hitting percentage in the Elite Eight with a .328 mark.

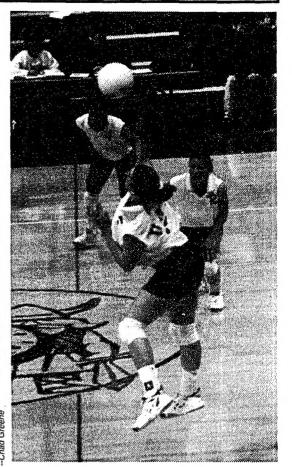
The Lady Mays qualified for the Elite Eight by defeating North Dakota State in four games on Nov. 24. That victory secured the North Central Regional Championship for the Lady Mays.

If the Lady Mays can win Saturday, they will play in the Semifinals at 4:30 p.m. Sunday against either Northern Michigan or the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

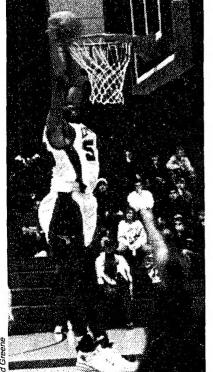
Semifinal winners will play in the final on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Amy Steffel (#12 in photo at right) is one of the Lady Mavs' top setters. The Lady Mavs will rely on top hitters (photo at far right) in this weekend's championship games.





Hoopsters Prepare for



Weekend

After winning the O2TV Tournament last weekend at home, the 3-0 Lady Mays basketball team will hit the road this weekend.

The Lady Mays faced Grand Canyon Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. and will play San Francisco State today at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Mavs will rely heavily on leading scorers Stacie Kaiser and Amy Loth, who are averaging 13.3 and 14 points per game, respectively. The Lady Mavs will also look for dominance of the boards by Jacinda VanFossen, who is averaging 7 rebounds a game.

The Mavs also aim to add another win to their 4-1 record when playing Presentation College of Aberdine, S.D. Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

Charles Thompson scores an easy basket. The Mavs will face Presentation College Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.



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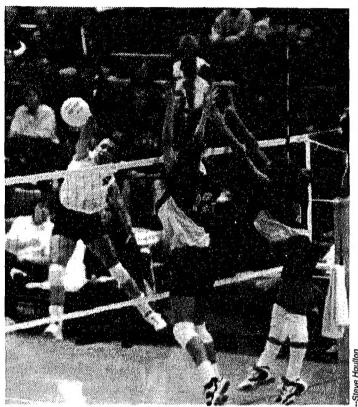
Interviews Wednesday, Dec. 11th at 4:00

Cate, Shafer Share Award

By JONATHAN PELPHREY

If the Lady Mavs are going to do well in the Elite Eight this weekend, they are going to need good, balanced play from all their players. Two players to watch in particular will be middle blocker Tanya Cate and outside hitter Erin Shafer. Cate and Shafer have been named the *Gateway* Co-Lady Mavs of the Month.

A major reason for the Lady Mav's volleyball success this year has been the balanced attack in the offense. Last year, the team relied heavily on the hitting prowess of Denise Otten. This year, however, four players are hitting above .290, and six players are hitting above .250. Last year, Otten was the only primary



Tanya Cate (above) and Erin Shafer are the Gateway's Lady Mavs of the Month for November.

hitter with a hitting percentage better than .230.

"The responsibility of Denise Otten didn't go to just one person," said Head Coach Rose Shires. "The departure (of Otten) has made everybody else step up their game."

Cate and Shafer have stepped up their games in a big way and have been forces to be reckoned with at the net this year. Cate has 424 kills and, aside from setter Amy Steffel, leads the team with a .354 hitting percentage. Last year, Cate hit .234 as an outside hitter. This year she moved to the middle.

"I think Tanya has done a very good job of switching to an-

other position," Shires said. "In every match she plays one rotation as an outside hitter and two rotations in the middle. That makes you have to adjust your timing, your vision as a blocker, sometimes even your aggressiveness as a player. And Tanya has done a good job of that."

Cate said she has worked on her aggressiveness this year. She said playing in the middle required a more aggressive approach to the game, "especially on the block. You have to really fight to get out there and close the block, even if you get held." Her efforts have earned her the second most blocks on the team, behind Kim Gerdes.

Cate said part of the reason for her team-leading hitting percentage was the fact that she played the middle. "With the middle there are more instances of one on one blocks, so there are more opportunities for clean shots," she said.

A middle hitter may have a higher hitting percentage than an outside hitter, then. But outside hitters get more sets, according to Cate.

The Lady Mavs have relied heavily on Shafer in the outside hitter position this year. She has a .257 hitting percentage and leads the team with 447 total kills. Shafer said she is often double blocked by the opponent. At 5-feet-9-inches, this puts her at a disadvantage when she goes up against taller players.

"Every team we play is much taller, much bigger than we are," Shires said. "That means we have to jump higher and longer."

Shafer has been able to do just that this year. She

Sidelines

Four Mays on All-Region Football Team

The College Sports Information Directors announced the Division II All-Midwest Region Football Team on Tuesday, Three Mays made the first team and another the second team.

MarTay Jenkins, a UNO junior, made the first team offense as a wide receiver. He finished the season with 37 receptions for 856 yards and 8 touchdowns.

Bryon Holston, a senior nose tackle, and Pat Davis, a senior defensive back, were awarded first team honors on defense. Holston finished with 61 tackles, 15 of them for a loss. Davis, a top vote getter at his position, led the Mavs with 22 passes broken up.

Damon Hansen, a senior defensive end, made the second team defense. He led the Mavs with 17 tackles for a loss, for 94 yards.

UNO Wrestlers to Compete in Open

The Mavs will be at the Northern Iowa Open on Dec. 7. This year's team has adopted "Year of the Bull" for their motto, and will be making another run at the national title. Last season they finished the season with a third place showing at the Division II tournament.

has also been helped by playing smart. "In the last few weeks I think I've done a good job of knowing what my options are and hitting around the block even if there is a double block," Shafer said.

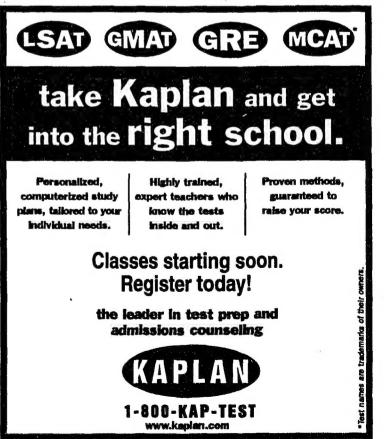
Along with the elevated play of Cate and Shafer, among others, one of the main differences this year for the Lady Mavs has been maturity, said Cate.

"Amy (Steffel) has always been the leader of the team, but I'd say team maturity is a big thing this year," Cate said. "All of the juniors on the team now got a lot of experience last year playing as a team rather than individuals. That's a big thing,"

The Lady Mavs will need to work as a team this weekend if their hopes for a national title are to be realized. With balanced play from Cate, Shafer, and the rest of the team, their chances of success are very good.







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